

HIPAA AUTHORIZATION FORM  
Fuller Eye Care

Patient's Full Name

Patient's Social Security Number/Medical Record Number

Address

Patient's Date of Birth

City, State Zip Code

Patient's Telephone Number

I hereby authorize use or disclosure of protected health information about me as described below.

1. The following specific person/class of person/facility is authorized to use or disclose information about me:

**Thomas Fuller, OD**

2. The following person (or class of persons) may receive disclosure of protected health information about me:

His/her/its Name

Address

City, State Zip Code

3. It's ok to leave a voice mail message at the following phone numbers:

**UNLESS YOU SIGN HERE, NO INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN**  
**YES, DISCLOSE THIS INFORMATION \***  
**NO, DO NOT DISCLOSE THIS INFORMATION \***

4. I understand that the information used or disclosed may be subject to re-disclosure by the person or class of persons or facility receiving it, and would then no longer be protected by federal privacy regulations.
5. I may revoke this authorization by notifying Fuller Eye Care in writing of my desire to revoke it. However, I understand that any action already taken in reliance on this authorization cannot be reversed, and my revocation will not affect those actions.
6. My purpose/use of the information is for \_\_\_\_\_.
7. This authorization expires on \_\_\_\_\_, OR upon occurrence of the following event that relates to me or to the purpose of the intended use or disclosure of information about me: \_\_\_\_\_.

**THIS FORM MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED BEFORE SIGNING – note that signature is required in two places.\***

Signature of Individual\*  
(The person about whom the information relates)  
OR, if applicable –

Date of Individual's Signature

Date of Birth or  
Social Security Number

Signature of Guardian\* or  
Personal Representative of Patient's Estate

Date of Guardian's/Personal  
Representative's Signature

Description of Authority to Act  
for the Individual

*A copy of this completed, signed and dated form must be given to the Individual or other signatory.*

Official Use Only

Received

Processed By

Log #

**OUR LEGAL DUTY**

We are required by applicable federal and state law to maintain the privacy of your health information. We are also required to give you this Notice about our privacy practices, our legal duties, and your rights concerning your health information. We must follow the privacy practices that are described in this Notice while it is in effect. This Notice takes effect April 14, 2003, and will remain in effect until we replace it.

We reserve the right to change our privacy practices and the terms of this Notice at any time, provided such changes are permitted by applicable law. We reserve the right to make the changes in our privacy practices and the new terms of our Notice effective for all health information that we maintain, including health information we created or received before we made the changes. In the event we make a material change in our privacy practices, we will change this Notice and provide it to you.

You may request a copy of our Notice at any time. For more information about our privacy practices, or for additional copies of this Notice, please contact us using the information listed at the top of the printed handout Notice of Privacy Practices.

**QUESTIONS AND COMPLAINTS**

If you want more information about our privacy practices or have questions or concerns, please contact us.

If you are concerned that we may have violated your privacy rights, or you disagree with a decision we made about access to your health information or in response to a request you made to amend or restrict the use or disclosure of your health information or to have us communicate with you by alternative means or at alternative locations, you may complain to us using the contact information listed at the end of the printed handout Notice of Privacy Practices. You also may submit a written complaint to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

We will provide you with the address to file your complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services upon request.

We support your right to the privacy of your health information. We will not retaliate in any way if you choose to file a complaint with us or with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

**Tunnel Road Optometry**

**NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES**

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW HEALTH INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION.

PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY. THE PRIVACY OF YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION IS IMPORTANT TO US.

**USES AND DISCLOSURES OF HEALTH INFORMATION**

We use and disclose health information about you for treatment, payment, and healthcare operations. For example:

**Treatment:** We may use or disclose your health information to an optician, ophthalmologist or other healthcare provider providing treatment to you for: (a) the provision, coordination, or management of health care and related services by health care providers; (b) consultation between health care providers relating to a patient; (c) the referral of a patient for health care from one health care provider to another; or (d) recall information.

**Payment:** We may use and disclose your health information to obtain payment for services we provide to you. This may include: (a) billing and collection activities and related data processing; (b) actions by a health plan or insurer to obtain premiums or to determine or fulfill its responsibilities for coverage and provision of benefits under its health plan or insurance agreement, determinations of eligibility or coverage, adjudication or subrogation of health benefit claims; (c) medical necessity and appropriateness of care reviews, utilization review activities; and (d) disclosure to consumer reporting agencies of information relating to collection of premiums or reimbursement.

**Healthcare Operations:** We may use and disclose your health information in connection with our healthcare operations. Healthcare operations include things such as quality assessment and improvement activities, reviewing the competence or qualifications of healthcare professionals, evaluating practitioner and provider performance, conducting training programs, accreditation, certification, licensing or credentialing activities.

**Your Authorization:** In addition to our use of your health information for treatment, payment or healthcare operations, you may give us written authorization to use your health information or to disclose it to anyone for any purpose. If you give us an authorization, you may revoke it in writing at any time. Your revocation will not affect any use or disclosures permitted by your authorization while it was in effect. Unless you give us a written authorization, we cannot use or disclose your health information for any reason except those described in this Notice.

**Marketing Health Products or Services:** We may provide you with information regarding products or services that we offer related to your health care needs. We will never sell your health information without your prior authorization.

**To You, Your Family and Friends:** We must disclose your health information to you, as described in the Patient Rights section of this Notice. We may disclose your health information to a family member, friend or other person to the extent necessary to help with your healthcare or with payment for your healthcare, but only if you agree that we may do so or, if you are not able to agree, if it is necessary in our professional judgment.

**Persons Involved in Care:** We may use or disclose health information to notify, or assist in the notification of, (including identifying or locating) a family member, your personal representative or another person responsible for your care, of your location, your general condition, or death. If you are present, then prior to use or disclosure of your health information, we will provide you with an opportunity to object to such uses or disclosures. In the event of your incapacity or emergency circumstances, we will disclose health information based on a determination using our professional judgment disclosing only health information that is directly relevant to the person's involvement in your healthcare. We will also use our professional judgment and our experience with common practice to make reasonable inferences of your best interest in allowing a person to pick up filled prescriptions, medical supplies, x-rays, or other similar forms of health information.

**Required by Law:** We may use or disclose your health information when we are required to do so by law, including judicial and administrative proceedings.

**Abuse or Neglect:** We may disclose your health information to appropriate authorities if we reasonably believe that you are a possible victim of abuse, neglect, or domestic violence or the possible victim of other crimes. We may disclose your health information to the extent necessary to avert a serious threat to your health or safety or the health or safety of others.

**National Security:** We may disclose to military authorities the health information of Armed Forces personnel under certain circumstances. We may disclose to authorized federal officials health information required for lawful intelligence, counterintelligence, and other national security activities. We may disclose to correctional institution or law enforcement official having lawful custody of protected health information of inmate or patient under certain circumstances.

**Appointment Reminders and Treatment Alternatives:** We may use or disclose your health information to provide you with appointment reminders (such as voicemail messages, postcards, or letters) or information about treatment alternatives or other health-related benefits and services that may be of interest to you.

**PATIENT'S RIGHTS**

**Access:** You have the right to review or get copies of your health information purchase history/designated record set, with limited exceptions. You may request that we provide copies in a format other than photocopies. We will use the format you request unless we cannot practicably do so. You must make a request in writing to obtain access to your health information purchase history/designated record set. You may obtain a form to request access by using the contact information listed at the end of the printed handout Notice of Privacy Practices. You may also request access by sending us a letter to the address at the end of the printed handout Notice of Privacy Practices.

**Disclosure Accounting:** You have the right to receive a list of instances in which we or our business associates disclosed your health information for purposes, other than treatment, payment, healthcare operations, where you have provided an authorization and certain other activities, for the last 6 years, but not for disclosure made prior to April 14, 2003. If you request this accounting more than once in a 12-month period, we may charge you a reasonable, cost-based fee for responding to these additional requests.

**Restriction:** You have the right to request that we place additional restrictions on our use or disclosure of your health information. We are not required to agree to these additional restrictions, but if we do, we will abide by our agreement (except in an emergency).

**Alternative Communication:** You have the right to request in writing that we communicate with you about your health information by alternative means or to alternative locations. Your request must specify the alternative means or location, and provide satisfactory explanation how payments will be handled under the alternative means or location you request.

**Amendment:** You have the right to request that we amend your health information. Your request must be in writing, and it must explain why the information should be amended. We may deny your request under certain circumstances.

**Electronic Notice:** If you receive this Notice on our Web site or by electronic mail (e-mail), you are entitled to receive this Notice in written form.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_